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SOURCE EVALUATIONS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

1. The National Antiaircraft and Air Force Headquarters (OLLEP) was located in Budapest XI, Schweidel utca.
2. The National Antiaircraft Defense Headquarters (LOP) was situated in the Ministry of the Interior at Jaszai Mari ter, near the Margid bridge.
3. In case of emergency the staffs of OLLEP and LOP were to be moved to the caverns in the Gellert Hill (Kis Gellerthegy). In this area, which was bounded by Otthon utca, Schweidel utca and Csuklo utca, lay the southern tunnel exit of the Budapest Southern Railway station (Deli Palyaudvar).
4. The LOP emergency headquarters, called the LOP Center, in the Gellert Hill cavern near Csuklo utca had been guarded by one officer and three non-commissioned officers who were to be relieved every 24 hours. A sentry was posted at the entrance of the LOP Center (Enclosure 1, #6). Captain Nakics was chief of the LOP Center. Nakics, a member of the AVH, has also been in command of AVH installation Object 50, situated south of the tunnel exit leading to the Szechenyi chain bridge.
5. The OLLEP emergency headquarters, called the OLLEP Center, in the Gellert Hill cavern was headed by Captain Csontos who had his subterranean office there. The guard detail, which consisted of one officer, three non-commissioned officers and 18 enlisted men, was relieved daily at 1300 hours while the double sentry post was relieved every two hours (Enclosure 1, #8 and 8a).
6. A special permit, made out by the OLLEP Security Office, was needed for entering the subterranean offices and installations.
7. One air-conditioning installation, which had been placed in the LOP Center, was to take care of the airing of the subterranean OLLEP as well as the LOP headquarters. However in the case of full occupancy of these emergency headquarters the capacity of the air conditioning apparatus would not have been sufficient. Even after one hour of full occupancy the temperature in the OLLEP Center would rise to more than 85 degrees. Thus in 1956 it had already been suggested to construct another ventilation building and to install there sufficient air conditioning apparatus (Enclosure 1, #4).

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8. The problem of gas-protective installations had not been solved by LOP so far. Equipment of this type was almost completely lacking in the LOP emergency subterranean headquarters in the Gellert Hill.
9. The LOP subterranean telephone exchange office was located at least 20 feet below Otthon utca.
10. Electric power for the LOP and the OLLEP Centers was to be regularly obtained from the Budapest municipal electric supply lines. In case of emergency, however, generators installed in these subterranean headquarters were to provide for the needed electric current.
11. Reliable party members, AVH and People's Army officers were housed in the luxurious homes in the OLLEP and LOP emergency headquarters area.
12. The Budapest Mayor, Mr. Pongracz, was head of the National Antiaircraft Defense Organization of the capital. His chief of staff and military adviser was Lieutenant Colonel Gedeon.
13. Guard duty for LOP was performed by the Civil Defense Battalion (Legoltalmi zaszloalj) which was stationed in barracks situated in Megyeri ut north of the Megyeri inn. Megyeri ut, a highway, led to Dunakeszi. The commander of the Civil Defense Battalion was an unidentified major. At the outbreak of the uprising, on 23 October 1956, he was in charge of the defense of the Radio Center in Budapest. On that day the major was the first to give orders to open fire on the insurgents.
14. Each district of Budapest had its own air raid protection staff to which several officers had been attached. These staffs were placed under the jurisdiction of the mayor in his capacity as head of the National Antiaircraft Defense Organization of the capital. In the Second District of Budapest the staff had been stationed in a school in Martirok utca. An air raid protection observation post with a radio installation, guarded by three soldiers of the Civil Defense Battalion, was located in the Svab Hill (Svabhegy) area in Ozike utca.
15. Chief of OLLEP¹ was an unidentified Soviet general. Soviet military personnel were also attached to these staff groups. The Soviet staff members, of about 40 men, mostly comprising noncommissioned officers, were housed in a private apartment building on the corner of Menta utca and Schweidel utca (Enclosure 1, #15). Hungary's civil administration had been put in charge of that country's antiaircraft defense organization. Chairmen of the local Soviets, of the County (Komitat) councils, of the districts, cities and towns, etc., were made responsible for the proper functioning of this organization.²


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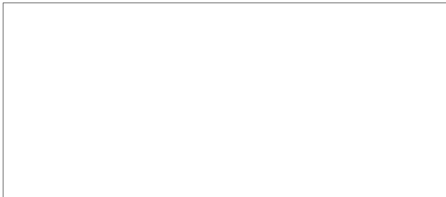
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- Attachments:
1. Map of OLLEP and LOP underground headquarters area. Sketch of this headquarters area. Cross section, lettered A-A. (Enclosure 1).
 2. Sketch of entrances to OLLEP and LOP underground headquarters (Enclosure 2).
 3. Ground plan and cross-section of LOP underground installations (Enclosure 3).



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Enclosure 1

Legend

- 1 OLLEP Building
- 2 OLLEP Garage
- 3 Single-story Building
- 4 Entrance to Subterranean OLLEP Installations
- 5 Entrance to OLLEP Machine Building
- 6 Entrance to Subterranean LOP Installations
- 7 Underground Entrance, Not in Use
- 8 Sentry Post Hut
- 8a Guard Room: Guard Commander
- 9 Mechanized Security Guard Detail
- 10 Transformer Building
- 11 Apartment Building
- 12 Brick Wall
- 13 Barbed Wire Entanglements
- 14 Underground Entrance, Covered
- 15 Soviet Staff Quarters

Legend (Cross Section A-A):

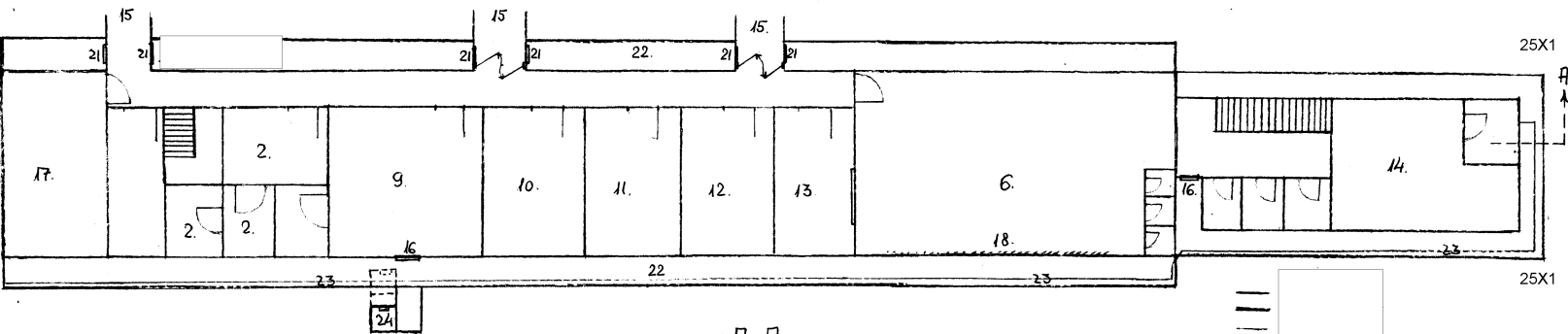
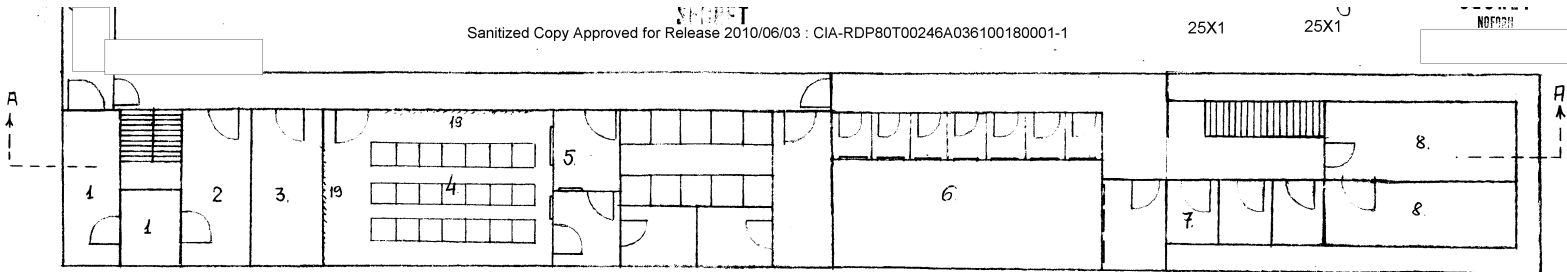
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- 1 LOP
 - 2 Entrance - Protection - Ceiling
 - 3 Barbed Wire Entanglement
 - 4 Sentries
 - 5 Emergency Exit
- brown Dolomite Stone, split
green Concrete
red Bricks

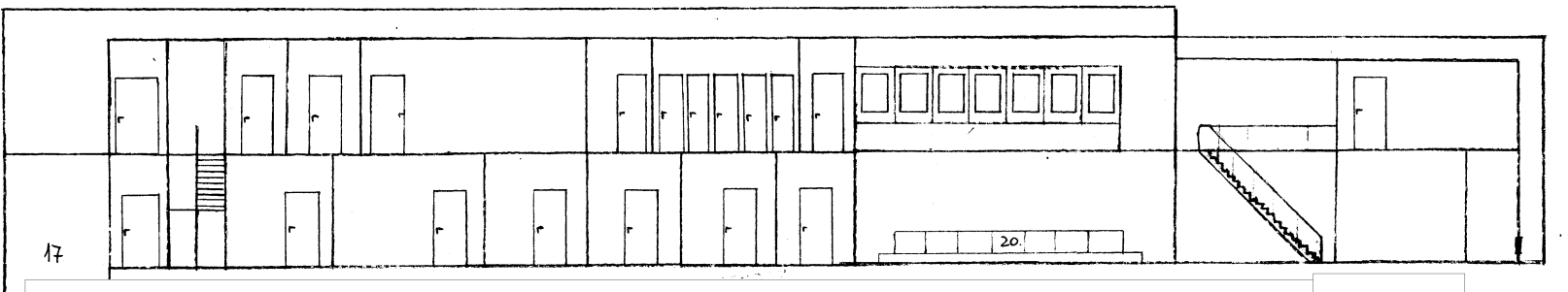
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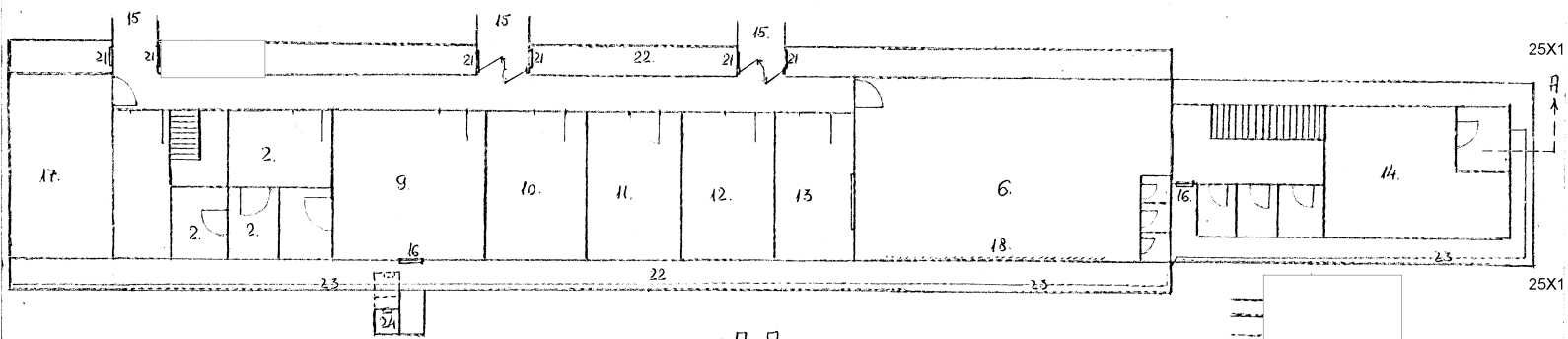
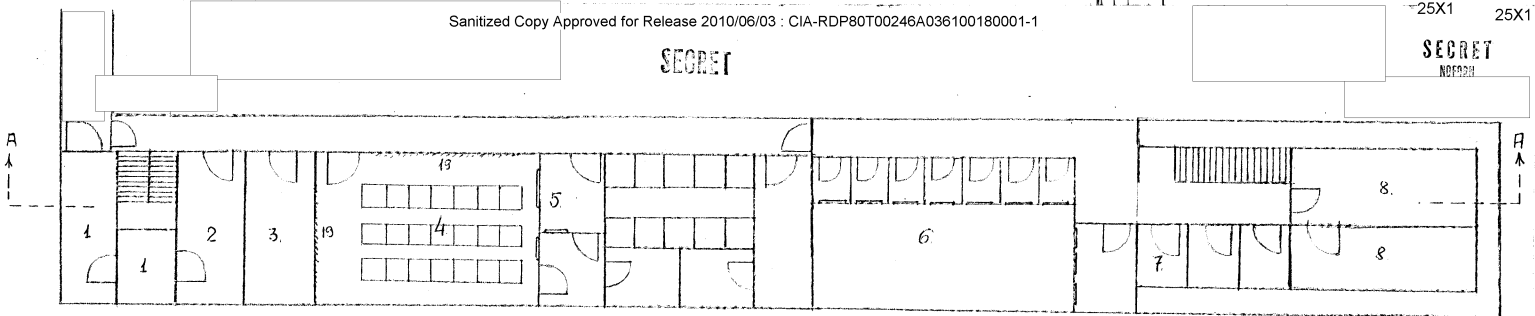
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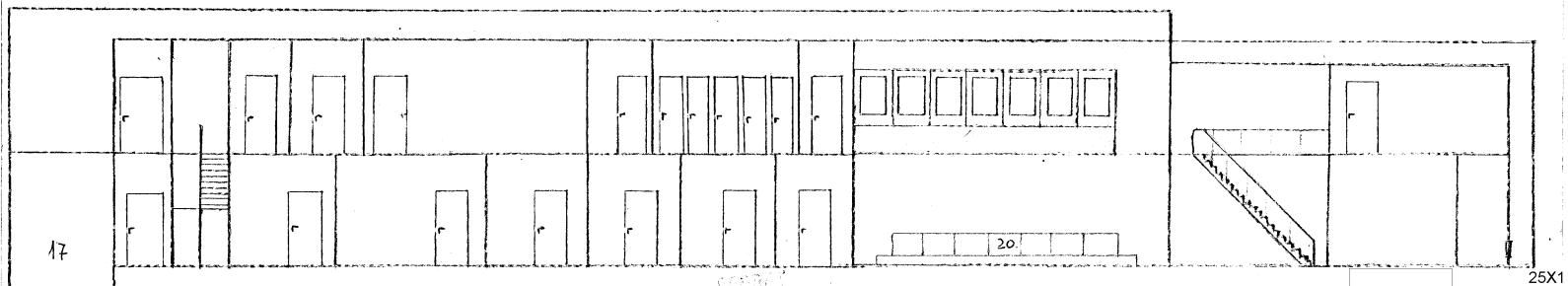
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LOP Underground Installations (Ground Plan and Cross Section Sketch)

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1. Degassing Room
2. Washroom
3. Radio room (Capital)
4. Operation Room (Capital)
5. Chief (capital)
6. Operation Room (Country)
7. ~~Storage battery~~
8. Telephone Exchange
9. Dining Room
10. Documents Office
11. Rest Room for Men
12. Rest Room for Women
13. LOP Commander
14. ~~Switches~~ *Switches* for Telephone Cables
15. OLLEP Entrance
16. Emergency Exit
17. Machine Building for Air Conditioning Apparatus
18. National Assessment Center with illuminated map
19. Assessment Tables of Budapest LOP
20. Tables, Semicircularly Arranged, with Automatic Telephones.
21. Gas Protection Doors 50/70
22. ~~Sewer~~
23. Telephone cables, ladders attached to the walls
24. Emergency Exit

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Enclosure 2

Entrances to OLLEP and LOP
Underground Headquarters

1. Cable chute
2. OLLEP entrance
3. LOP Guard
4. LOP Entrance
5. Gas Protection Doors

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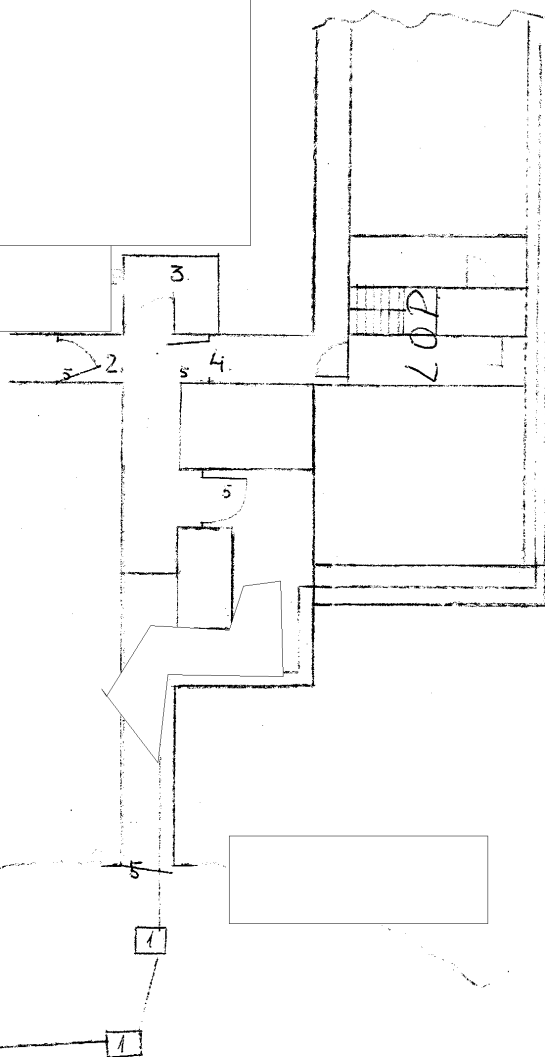
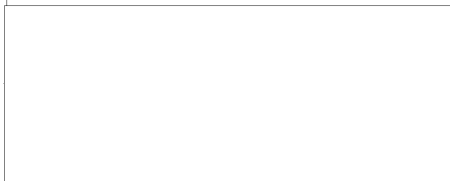
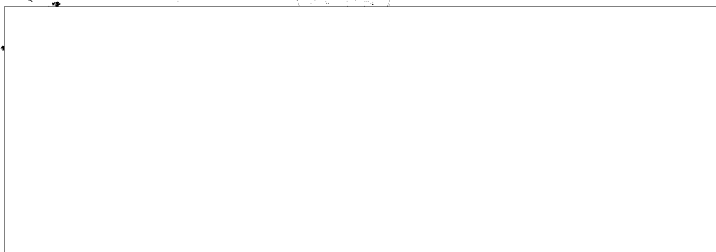
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